

East Germany

SECURITY INFORMATION

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

COUNTRY

Schoenwalde Airfield

TOPIC

EVALUATION see below PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1A

DATE OF CONTENT 29 March to 5 May 1953

DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 16 June 1953

REFERENCES 25X1A

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REMARKS

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1. Between 29 March and 5 May 1953, the following observations were made at Schoenwalde airfield.

29 to 31 March. No flying.

1 April. A Po-2 took off at 7 a.m. and circled several times over Schoenwalde during the day. After dark, the runway was lighted, but no flying was observed.

2 April. At 2 p.m., a twin-engine aircraft with double rudder assembly took off, circled over the field and landed after 10 minutes. Between 8 p.m. and 10 p.m., there was night flying. The runway was illuminated and the searchlight north of it was in action.

3 April. At 8 a.m., a Po-2 was flying over the field.

4 and 5 April. There was no air activity.

6 April. Three twin-engine aircraft were parked at the field; no flying activity was observed.

8 April. Between 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., flying was practiced by two multi-engine aircraft. During the take-offs and landings, two searchlights, located just south of the hangars, directed their beams to the runway. The runway lights were in operation and, shortly before and after the landings, instruction were given over a loud speaker.

10 April. During the morning, two twin-engine aircraft took off and landed at irregular intervals. A third plane of this type was parked at the field. Night flying was practiced between 8 p.m. and 11 p.m.

14 and 15 April. A Po-2 repeatedly circled over the field.

16 April. Between 8 p.m. and 10 p.m., the airfield lights and the searchlights were in operation. Instructions were given over the loudspeaker but no air activity was observed. The same observations

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were made on the following day.

18 April. There was local flying by one twin-engine plane.

28 April through 5 May. Three twin-engine aircraft were parked at the southern border of the field. After dark the runway lights were in operation. No flying was observed.

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2. At about 8:15 a.m. on 9 April, two Tu-2s and four Po-2s were parked at the field. At about 10:30 a.m. on 18 April, the engines of 2 Tu-2s were running. Three men wearing flying suits and carrying cameras boarded each aircraft. The billets of the Gonchar unit were apparently occupied to capacity.
3. Between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. on 16 April, no flying was observed at Schoenwalde airfield. Five twin-engine aircraft with double rudder assemblies were parked at the field.

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Comment. Schoenwalde airfield was still occupied by a target-tow unit equipped with 10 to 12 Tu-2s which serve the fighter regiments of the 24th Air Army. Major Gonchar (fnu) is commanding officer of the unit involved.

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